

# ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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CAPRICORN - December 22 - January 19



### The Go Getter

*Patient and wise. Practical and rigid. Ambitious. Tends to be good-looking. Humorous and funny. Can be a bit shy and reserved, often pessimistic. Capricorns tend to*

*act before they think and can be unfriendly at times. Hold grudges. Like competition. Get what they want.*

### Garnet is the stone for the month of January

Jewelry from Egypt dating back as far as 3100 B.C. contained garnet stones. It was believed garnet would protect its wearer from enemies and could illuminate the darkness. Noah reportedly used a garnet lantern to illuminate the ark and guide it safely through the darkness of night. According to legend, East Indians rubbed garnet on themselves to obtain glowing qualities. Garnet is to symbolize happiness and deep enduring friendships and to spark creativity. Garnet is believed to rid the body of negative energy and emotions. It is thought to stimulate the desire and fortitude that it takes to connect to decisions. Native American tribes believed garnet had medicinal powers. They also used garnet in jewelry and to decorate shields, dream catchers and many other items.

### January 4

*Yours is an energetic nature. You like to be doing things and seeing them well done. You have a faculty for making money, are shrewd and have good business ability. Those to whom you give your confidence will prove constant.*

**1919** Edward Garfield High, biochemist and director of the Laboratory of the Biochemical Research at Prairie View A&M College, is born in Indianapolis, IN.

**1926** Mary Eliza Mahoney, first African American to study and work as a trained nurse in the US, dies in Boston, MA.

**1935** Floyd Patterson, boxer, is born in Waco, NC.

**1937** Willie Jeffries, first African American head coach of a NCAA Division I-A, is born in Union, SC.

**1937** Gaynel Hodge, pianist and songwriter (Earth Angel), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1937** Grace Bumbry soprano, is born in St. Louis, MO.

**1946** Arthur Conley, singer (Sweet Soul Music), is born in McIntosh County, GA.

**1951** Bruce A. Harris, lawyer and mayor of Chatham Borough, New Jersey, is born.

**1952** Michele Wallace, author (Black Macho and the Myth of the Superwoman), is born in New York, NY.

**1954** (Celestine Ann) Tina Beyoncé, known for her House of Derón fashion brand and Beyoncé Knowles mother, is born in Galveston, TX.

**1958** Lurita Alexis Doan, first African American woman Administrator of the US General Services Administration, is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1958** Archie Alphonso Alexander, mathematician, engineer and governor of the US Virgin Islands, dies in Otumwa, IA.

**1959** (Denise Mathews aka D. D. Winters) Vanity singer and actor (Purple Rain), is born in Niagara Fall, Ontario Canada.

**1960** Angela Turner Quigless, Missouri Court of Appeals judge, is born in Miami, FL.

**1963** Daryl Lamont Boston, Major League Baseball player, is born in Cincinnati, OH.

**1967** Leslie Maxie, track and field athlete and television broadcast journalist is born in San Francisco, CA.

**1969** Paul Chambers, jazz bass player, dies in New York, NY.

**1970** James Edward, actor (Home of the Brave), dies in San Diego, CA.

**1973** Ray Mickens, National Football League player, is born in Frankfurt, Germany.

**1974** Christopher Alan Stewart, music producer (Single Ladies [Put a Ring On It]), is born in Markham, IL.

**1975** Jill Marie Jones, actor (Girlfriends), is born in Dallas, TX.

**1979** (Mel Jason Smalls) Drag-On, hip hop recording artist (Opposite of H2O and actor (Exit Wounds)), is born in The Bronx, NY.

**1979** Jeannie Mai, host on the style network and The Real, is born in San Jose, CA.

**1982** Jason Jerrod Bourgeois, Major League Baseball player, is born in Houston, TX.

**1989** Sessilee Lopez, model, is born in Philadelphia, PA.



Kathy Sledge

**1998** (Courtney) Coco Jones, singer and actor (Radio Disney's Next Big Thing), is born in Columbia, SC.

**2000** John David Milner, Major League Baseball player dies in East Point, GA.

**2004** Jacob Hudson Carruthers, African-centered scholar, dies in Chicago, IL.

**2011** Grady Chapman, lead singer with the doo-wop group The Robins, dies.

**2013** Richard A. Long, historian and author (Black Americana), dies.

**2014** Stuart Orlando Scott, sportscaster and anchor on ESPN, dies in Avon, CT.

### January 5

*You are exceedingly honest, kind-hearted, loving and fond of children. You adapt yourself readily but should curb your tendency to criticize other. Your love is deep and your home dear to you.*

**1926** Hosea Lorenzo Williams, ordained minister and scientist and member of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s inner circle, is born in Attapulgus, GA.

**1926** Claude Henry Keystone 'Buddy' Young, the first member of the Baltimore Colts to have his number retired and later became the first African American executive in the National Football League, is born in Chicago, IL.

**1929** (Ernest Joseph) Tabby Thomas, blues musician, is born in Baton Rouge, LA.

**1929** Wilbert Harrison, singer (Kansas City), is born in Charlotte, NC.

**1930** Frederick Charles Tillis, jazz saxophonist poet and composer (A Symphony of Songs), is born in Galveston, TX.

**1931** Alvin Ailey, choreographer and dancer, is born in Rogers, TX.

**1933** Bob Armstrong, boxer 'King of the Battle Royal,' dies in Chicago, IL.

**1938** Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, author and candidate for the Nobel Prize in Literature, is born in Kaminitu, Kenya Colony.

**1940** George Malone, singer with The Monotones (Book of Love), is born.

**1943** George Washington Carver, scientist, botanist, educator and inventor, dies in Tuskegee, AL.

**1947** (Eugene Edward) Mercury Morris, National Football League player, is born in Pittsburgh, PA.

**1948** (Theodore William) Ted Lange, actor (The Love Boat), is born in Oakland, CA.

**1949** George 'Funky' Brown, drummer with Kool and the Gang, is born in Jersey City, NJ.

**1953** (Dwight Braxton) Dwight Muhammad Qawi, professional light heavyweight and cruiserweight boxer, is born in Baltimore, MD.

**1953** (Haras Fyre) Patrick Grant, songwriter (Supernatural Thing), is born in Newark, NJ.

**1954** (Alexander) Alex English, National Basketball Association player, is born in Columbia, SC.

**1956** Leslie Byron Dunner, composer and conductor, is born in New York, NY.

**1958** Jerry McNeil, singer with The Whispers, is born in San Francisco, CA.

**1959** (Milton Bernard) Milt Thompson, Major League Baseball player, is born in Washington, DC.

**1966** Tananarive Priscilla Due, educator and author (The Black Rose), is born in Tallahassee, FL.

**1975** (Donald Edward) Don Wilson, Major League Baseball player, dies in Houston, TX.

**1926** (Robert) Guy Torry, comedian and actor (The Strip), is born in St. Louis, MO.

**1978** Patrice Fisher, actor (Zane's Sex Chronicles), is born in Del Rio, TX.

**1979** Charles Mingus, bassist and composer, dies in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

**1981** Brooklyn Sudano, actor (My Wife and Kids), is

born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1985** Tra Battle, National Football League player, is born in Forsyth, GA.

**1994** Harold 'Hal' Lucas, Jr., singer with The Clovers (One Mint Julep), dies in Washington, DC.

**2000** Ida Goodson, classic blues and jazz singer plus pianist, dies in Pensacola, FL.

**2004** Charles (Charlie) Everett Dumas, high jumper in the 1956 Olympic and the first person to clear 7 feet, is born in Compton CA.

**2010** Willie Mitchell, music arranger and record producer, dies in Memphis, TN.

### January 6

*You are impulsive; your actions are sometimes misunderstood and the motives misinterpreted. You think and act quickly and not always with good judgment. Cultivate poise and self-restraint or your passions will lead you into serious difficulties even though your intentions are of the best.*

**1926** Norris W. Overton, (Brigadier General), Deputy Chief of Staff Comptroller US Air Force Academy, is born in Clarksville, TN.

**1934** William Henry Harrison Hart, attorney and Professor of Criminal Law, dies in Brooklyn, NY.

**1935** Paul Wilson, singer with The Flamingos (I Only Have Eyes for You), is born in Chicago, IL.

**1937** Doris Troy (Higginson), singer (Just One Look), is born in The Bronx, NY.

**1940** Van (Allen Clinton) McCoy, producer, arranger, songwriter (The Hustle) and orchestra conductor, is born in Washington, DC.

**1946** Harold Leon Jackson, National Football League player, is born in Hattiesburg, MS.

**1946** (learance) Jack Ellis, mayor of Macon, Georgia, is born in Macon, GA.

**1947** Shirley Brown, singer (Woman to Woman), is born in Memphis, AR.

**1950** (Charles) Chuck Ealey, Canadian Football League player, is born in Portsmouth, OH.

**1952** Armelia Odgery McQueen actor (Sparkle), is born in Montgomery County, NC.

**1959** Kathy Sledge, singer with Sister Sledge (We Are Family), is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1960** (Manuel Skillings) Muzz Skillings, bassist and singer with Living Color (Vivid), is born in New York, NY.

**1964** Jacqueline DeLois Moore, professional wrestler, is born in Dallas, TX.

**1968** John Singleton, director (Boyz in the Hood) and writer, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1969** Alvin Morman, Major League Baseball player, is born in Rockingham, NC.

**1969** Johnny Dudley Moore, singer and musician with Three Blazers, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

**1970** Gabrielle Allyse Reece, professional volleyball player, is born in LaJolla, CA.

**1973** Robert Martin, National Basketball Association player, is born in Atlanta, GA.

**1974** Marlon Ordell Anderson, Major League Baseball player, is born in Montgomery, AL.

**1975** James Alfred Farrior, National Football League player, is born in Petersburg, VA.

**1980** Georgeanna Marie Tillman Gordon, singer with The Marvelettes (Please Mr. Postman), dies in Detroit, MI.

**1981** (Michael) Mike Jones, rap artist (Still Tippin), actor and founder of Ice Age Entertainment, is born in Houston, TX.

**1981** (Yuniko) Rinko Kikuchi actor (Babel), is born in Hadano, Japan.

**1982** Tiffany 'New York' Pollard, reality television personality (I Love New York) is born in Utica, NY.

**1987** Dondria (Nicole Fields) aka Phatffat, singer (You're the One), is born in Dover, OK

**1989** Derrick Lee Morgan, National Football League player, is born in Lancaster, PA.

**1989** Elizabeth Duncan Koontz, educator and head of the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor, dies in Salisbury, NC.

**1991** Alan Anthony Wiggins, Major League Baseball player, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

**1993** (John Birks) Dizzy Gillespie, trumpet player, bandleader, singer and composer, dies in Englewood, NJ.

**1994** Harold Lucas, singer with The Clovers (Love Portion #9), dies.

**1997** Louis Emanuel Martin, journalist 'Godfather of Black Politics,' dies in Orange, CA.

**2004** (Erlyn Eloise Johnson) Erlene Harris, singer (Rock and Roll Blues), dies in Las Vegas, NV.

**2006** (Louis Allen) Lou Rawls, singer (Love is a Hurt-thing), dies in Los Angeles, CA.

**2009** Claude A. Jeter, gospel music singer with the Swan Silvertones and member of the Dixie Hummingbirds, dies in The Bronx, NY.

**Birthdays:** Eric Williams, vocalist with Blackstreet.

*Know your History and Culture. If you do not know where you come from, you cannot and will not know where you can go.*